

He has given you an intellect and a will. There is a wounded and dying man lying beside Jericho road to-day. The intellect say, "He needs a physician, and I ought to help him." The will goes and binds up the wounds, pours on the oil and the wine, and takes him to the inn. Then the heart throbs with the emotions that make life a joy, death a sweet dream, and eternity the realization of every pure and holy desire. So be it!

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WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

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The word Christian occurs but three times in the New Testament. Acts 26:28 and 11:16. It was first used at Antioch about the year 42 or 43 and was a name given to the followers of our Savior, as a term of reproach or contempt.

This is strongly implied in 1 Peter 4:6. The term Christian is now employed first, in contradistinction to Pagans and Mohammedans, second, to denote an open professor of religion in contradistinction from one who is not a professor, and third, one who enjoys pure religion and undefiled before God, and the Father visits the fatherless and widows in their affliction and keeps himself unspotted from the world, (Jas. 1:27) is a Christian.

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A Christian is a follower, or imitator of Christ; one who has faith in Christ Jesus to save their souls; one who trusts Jesus to save them; one who has a godly spirit, a forgiving spirit, an humble and contrite heart; one who daily portrays the fruit of the spirit, which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, patience, meekness, godliness, gentleness, faith temperance and such like. A Christian is one who has a loving heart, a prayerful heart and a meditating spirit; one who loves God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength, and his neighbor as himself; one who does unto others as he would have others do unto him.

A Christian lives not by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God; one who hates sin and loves righteousness; one who loves God's people and all mankind, and will seek to save the whole world. A Christian is one who reads God's word and obeys all its teachings.

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There may be living and habitual conversation in heaven, under the aspect of the most simple, ordinary life. Let us always remember that holiness does not consist in doing uncommon things, but in doing everything with purity of heart.—H. E. Manning.

BELIEVEST THOU THIS?

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To a Sister in Distress :—Christ's interrogation to Martha He also addresses to you. John 11:26. Believe what? The Word of God. What is the Word? God himself. John 1:1. Thy Word is truth. John 17:17. The truth maketh free. John 8:31. Word, Truth, God. These are synonyms: this is the gospel, this is salvation, this is "joy unspeakable and full of glory." We may be experts in the letter, as many are, and be ignorant of the Word. We may be famous expounders of the truth theoretically and have no knowledge of the truth experimentally. The Bible is a second God, providence, redemption, salvation, are the living realities. No one is saved till God is known as an immanent fact. A Savior on the cross and a Savior on the throne can never bring the peace of assurance till Christ dwells in the heart by faith. Eph. 3:17. Here is where you need instruction. Your gospel is a gospel of doing instead of resting. No amount of doing can bring abiding rest. But rest in Jesus brings abundant doing. You want to make a gospel out of the law. Impossible. Jesus did that. He fulfilled all righteousness, and he alone. It is one man's obedience that makes many righteous. That one is Jesus. Rom. 5:19. Now the righteousness of the law may be fulfilled in us because our life is hid with Christ in God. Rom. 8:4; Col. 3:3. This is the gospel, and the whole of it. We work out our salvation because it is God that worketh in us both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Phil. 2:12, 13.

You have been trying to find peace in the ordinances of the gospel. Thank God that you failed. Such peace is always delusive. It is the precious experience of Rom. 5:1 that makes the ordinances so dear to the believer. Baptism with peace as an object is an inversion of the divine order. Baptism with peace as an impulse is according to Christ Jesus. His baptism was the fruit of the divine Inbeing and the condition of a fresh endowment for His glorious mission as with Christ, so with the Christian. Just as restless and doubting and fearful as you are, so certain and restful and happy you might be. Col. 2:9, 10, are necessary complementary facts. All that God has provided in His incarnation we realize by faith. Turn to Rom. 15:4, read prayerfully, ponder long and profoundly, the word "whatsoever" and then ask yourself incisively and centrally *do I believe this?* This will open to you a divine treasury of thirty thousand promises which are all meant for you. In Acts 2:25 you have a model for every moment and every step. In Heb. 12:2 you have inspiration for every trial. In 1 Cor. 15:55, 57, you

have the assurance of victory in death. Believest thou this? What are your needs? Go to Phil. 4:19, as a truthful child to a father. God will never be weary of your applications. For all his minor bestowments plead his unspeakable gift. This is the logic that pleases God. Rom. 8:32; 2 Cor. 9:15. God will hold you to faith, and you are at liberty to hold Him to His promises. Remind Him of the "all things" in 1 Cor. 3:21-23, of the "all grace" in 2 Cor. 9:8, and of the "nothing" and the "all" in 2 Cor. 6:10. Never let John 14:20, and 17:10, pass out of your mind. Then peace will be as natural to you as light to the sun.

In a few days will be Easter, the day that designates the crowning event in the calendar of redemption. The Wonder of Bethlehem is augmented at Calvary. God is bleeding and dying on that cross! Why? For sinners, for me, for you. Believest thou this? A real faith in the atoning Christ will make it easy to verify Rom. 8:28 and 2 Cor. 4:8-11, in every relation and condition of life. Only believe, do not stumble at mysteries and seeming contradictions. The wonderful, wonderful mystery of Acts 4:28, with preceding two verses, is repeated in every believer's life. Comfort yourself with the promise of John 13:7, and the afterward of Heb. 12:11.

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WHAT A BOY CAN DO

A boy can make the world more pure
By kindly word and deed;
As blossoms call for nature's light,
So hearts love's sunshine need.

A boy can make the world more pure
By lips kept ever clean;
Silence can influence shed as sure
As speech—oft more doth mean.

A boy can make the world more true
By an exalted aim;
Let one a given end pursue,
Others will seek the same.

Full simple things, indeed, these three,
Thus stated in my rhyme;
Yet what, dear lad, could greater be—
What grander, more sublime?

—Selected.

DON'T HURRY

Haste makes waste. If you have but five minutes to do a thing, it may pay to take one minute to plan how it shall be done. Hurry and worry go together, and they often result from idleness or carelessness.

"You didn't run fast enough," said a bystander to an Irishman, who came puffing into a railway station just after the train glided out.

"Yes, I did run fast enough," said Patrick, "but I did not start soon enough."

Dawdle in the morning causes hurry